## Jobs vow for redundant expats

## By SOMAN BABY

THERE are jobs at home for any Indian worker laid off in Bahrain, a visiting minister declared yesterday.

"There has been widespread concern about the negative impact of the economic recession on expatriate workers in the Gulf," said Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahmed.

"The Indian economy is strong enough to absorb such workers if they lose their jobs.

wever, the ideal situation is that they conunue working in the Gulf if there are opportunities to make use of their expertise

"Having gained enough experience in the Gulf, they can continue contributing towards rebuilding the economy of the Gulf countries."

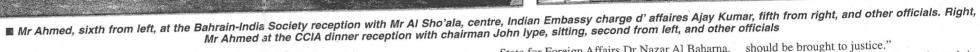
He praised the newly-formed Bahrain-India Society for taking the initiative in finding job opportunities for Indian workers across the region who lose their jobs as the global economic crisis bites.

The society hosted a lunch reception in his honour at the InterContinental Regency Bahrain Hotel yesterday and briefed him about the job opportunities available in

Society chairman Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala and vice-chairman Vinay Dewan said Bahrain was not yet affected by the crisis faced by other countries in the region.

"None of the projects in Bahrain have been delayed or shelved because of the crisis," said Mr Al Sho'ala.





tem, strong banking regulations and fair trade practices. skilled technicians to managerial positions," he Mr Dewan, who is also president of the

Bramco Group, said his group was in need of more than 100 workers immediately.

"There are many companies in Bahrain which have opportunities available for all

"Investors have full confidence in Bahrain, which is blessed with an excellent legal sys-

vocations, right from ordinary labourers and

Mr Ahmed said he was delighted at this news and he would instruct the Indian Embassy to co-ordinate with Indian missions

in other Gulf countries.

"Such a co-ordination will help Indian workers who may lose jobs in another Gulf country to benefit from the opportunities available in Bahrain," he added.

State for Foreign Affairs Dr Nazar Al Baharna. "We discussed the need for joint efforts to eliminate terrorism," he revealed.

"Both India and Bahrain agreed that no country should provide sanctuary for terrorists. "Everyone involved in terrorist activities

should be brought to justice."

Mr Ahmed also attended a dinner hosted in his honour last night by the Co-ordination Committee of Indian Associations (CCIA), at the Ramee International Hotel in Juffair.

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